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Great Teaching of Spinoza Retold with Splendid Effect-Parallels of Christianity in Older Creeds.

AN EXTRACT FROM WILSON'S ROME BOOK.

(By J. C. Brown.)

We hold with Spinorza that the truth cannot injure anyone if it is the truth, of Christ reads in part as follows: Read the following collection and then express your honest opinion concerning the alleged divine origin of the Christian

In his latest book, "A trip to Rome the author, Dr. J. B. Wilson says:

The British Museum is the greatest ulace of all. I spent the whole day there, and would have liked to remain dignity which belonged to it." a month, and I would write a book, in that time for Freethought use. Here is the greatest collection of the relics of antiquity in all the world. I will only for thirty years before their value was ation. known. Finally a young man by the name of Smith, who had a genius for de-

upon the earth to destroy it; but EA, one of their number warns Tsit-Napishtim of what had been decreed and bids him to make a ship in which to save himself and his family. He ordered him to take into the ship with him, liv ing creatures of every kind, and counselhim how to answer the men of his city when they ask him concerning his work. Tsit-Napishtim therefore built a shin with stories and divisions and pitched it within and without, and stored it with food. He next placed there his family and his possessions and all kinds of birds and beasts, and at a certain time, by the command of Shamish, went into it, and shut the door, and gave the command of the ship to Puzur-Bel. The flood decended and destroyed monkind and the gods fled to heaven in fear. The waters increased for six days and six nights, but began to abate on seventh. On the twelfth day the ship rested on Mount Nitsir, and six days later Tsit-Napishtim sent forth a dove which flew hither and thither and finding no resting place, returned to the ship. He next sent forth a swallow, which also returned, and finally a raven, which seeing that the waters had abated, came Then Tsit-Napishtim came out from the ship and made an offering to the mountain.

The gods smelt sweet savor and gathered round about like flies. Bel was filled with wrath at the escape

of Tsit-Napishtim, but his anger being appeased by the gods Ninip and Ea, he estowed divine rank upon him and his family and allotted them a habitation at the mouth of the river Euphrates.

The Story of Moses. Condensed, this tablet reads: "The

birth of infancy of Sarcon I. "Sarcon was brought forth in secret and was put by his mother in an ark of reeds, smeared with bitumen, which she set floating on the river Euphrates Akke, a water-bearer, found the child, and reared him, until the goddess Ishtar, having seen him, loved him, and made

him King over the land. The Original Jesus.

The tablets which records the story

"Merodach on account of his victory over Thanet (the Evil One) and of hi creation of the heaven and the earth, for which works he received the title, Lord of the Universe, his father rejoiced thereat, and gave to him additional

the greatest collection of the relics of antiquity in all the world. I will only speak of "The Creation Tablets," and others bearing upon the book of eGnesis.

These tablets lay in the British muesum the subject of cre-

ciphering hieroglyphies, etc., same along and easily translated them. They are the very oldest accounts, dating back thousands of years prior to the oldest story of the Pentateuch.

Take—the very first recorded print in expectation in the story of "The Crefet the results of their existence. No body of men, as numerous as are the clergy, and afterwards supported when it had attained "respectable" of Nippur have shown unmistakeable of of Nippur have shown unmistakeable capacity, could be without some effect dates and records pointing back 12,000 years; so these tablets were written tool, then the clay was burned. The tablets are mostly in fragment, but many are whole and perfect. The lettering is wonderfully well executed and much of it as perfect as the type of this book. They were wiser than we in thany things. They are rading. There is also a tablet recording the story of the Garden we them clear distinct ye put ours on paper, and the propose that the pro

interest of twenty-five per cent, combined also condensed them. See how plain and scientific the Assyrian account stands out.

The Assyrian Story of Creation.

The the beginning, nothing existed except the gods and the great deep. A movement took place in the attention and one also concerning the eclipse of the sund one also concerning the eclipse of the shadow travelled.

The the off dimanish—the story of the Johnson and stars, and made them to be the abodes of the gods and fixed their towelve months, He made the sun to which are a deligated from the privilege chases of the gods in the first proportion of the creating the three three through the three three thr twelve months. He made the sun to deluge and Moses and where the modern rule the day and the moon to rule the world got its Christ. There is their story night and determined the duration of of Christ in the very plainest kind of

THINKS SOUL HAS WEIGHT

Dr. Macdougall Tells Of Experiments At Death (From a Boston Dispatch)

That the human soul has a defin ite weight, which can be determined primarily charged with the task of when it passes from the body, is the belief of Dr. Duncan Macdougall, a reputable physician of Haverhill. He is at the head of a research society which for six years has been experimenting in this field. With him, he says, have been associated four

other physicians. Dr. Macdougall's object was to learn if the departure o the soul from the body was attended by any maniestatoion that could be recorded by any physical means. The chief means to which resort was made was the determination of the weight of a body before and ater death.

The method followed was to place a dying patient in bed upon one of of the platforms of a pair of scales made expressly for the experiments, and then to balance this weight by placing an equal weight in the opposite platform. These scales were con structed delicately enough to be sensitive to a weight of less than one tenth of an ounce. In every case af-

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OF WHAT USE ARE CHRISTIAN CLERGY?

Their Legitimate Function Admits of No Discussion but Their Title to Teaching is Drawn from Self Alone

which are not theirs by right, and which, as a matter of fact, they are ill qualified to perform.

their whole welfare is dependant upon the success with which they can gain the support of the more powerful, if sinister, interests in the State, and

primarily charged with the task of teaching and exhortation. As a matter of historic fact, no; for, even ter of historic fact, no; for, even the existence of the clergy as an organized body is wholly without the quite fair to say they contribute

though teaching and exhortation have nothing to any of the arts or sciences,

for long been associated with their functions, their selection for these tasks was dependent upon the belief

tasks was dependent upon the belief that they possessed an occult influence denied to ordinary men. What the facts? So far as religion is considered to the facts? So far as religion is considered to the facts?

of history. Their attitude upon the recurring questions of peace and war human condent to h

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So much for what the function of

the clergy ought to be, although not

Canon Henson says the clergy are the

(By C. Cohen.)

es as a good illustration of this. In another well written article in the London Freethinker, the writer bare nature of war during the peace of the loss said the letter than the l In another well written article in the London Freethinker, the writer says:

"What is the place," asks Canon Hensley Henson, "which the Christian clergy ought to hold in the general life of the nation to which they are accredited persons may be a matter of dispute. To the outsider, it would seem that heir authorisation to play the part of teachers comes entirely from themselves; but the part that is, or ought to be, or might be played honors and bestowed upon him his own Hensley Henson, "which the Christian distinctness the unanimity of the name, Ea, together with the power and clergy ought to hold in the general clergy in fanning the war-flame dignity which belonged to it.

Had I space and time, I could give of dispute. To the outsider, it would you much more, but I have written you much more, but I have written where the chief events in Biblical history. Seem that the chief events in Biblical history. a question that concerns everyone. tion of the law of clerical parasi-Remember that these tablets are the For, directly or indirectly, we are tism, a phenomenon so constant, that oldest records we have of the human all compelled to support them, and race—the very first recorded print in ex-both directly and indirectly we all litical movement which has not been

is hardly more praisworthy. They havve, of course, taught the common forms of the common virtues—viriled of actual teaching, their record tues which, in some form at least, are condemned by none and praised by all. But they have generally ignored those finer developments of character upon which a healthful application of the common virtues depend, with the result that failure is written all over their efforts. Centuries of power and authority have not enabled them to make the people under their control conspicuously truthful, honest, sober, or industrious. Such success as they have met with has been far more in the direction of causing people to refrain from bad conduct through sheer moral cowardice than as an expression of healthy moral development. It is, indeed, too often forgotten that an outward conformity with accepted ethical standards may be as much due to a deficiency of moral character as it is to strength of conviction.

in swindling a railway company the revenue. There really was no need to single out the Anglican clerical parasiso constant, that gle social or poth has not been opposed by the ards supported d "respectable" two causes for sm" of the clergy, clergy, as clergy, as clergy, as clergy, as clergy, the clergy of the clergy clergy, as clergy, as clergy, the clergy that could not well in the charcitizen. They are that a rudimentary dual organism.

In swindling a railway touched was no need to single out the Anglican clerical parasis of the clergy, since the same qualities characterize all. In their general dealings, in the circulation of false statements, in the circulation of false statements, in the art of saying one thing and meaning another, or of taking payment for preaching one set of doctrines and teaching another, the clergy practice acide a code of morals that would not not be tolerated in the professional world, and which would in business ruin a man's credit. Catholics and Protestants . Episcopalians and Dissenters, are alike in this. The large portion of the sectarian press devoted to disproof and counter charges is evidence of its widespread character.

And the fact that such conduct is taken as a matter of course, as what of the clergy in their capacity of public teachers.

What the clergy might be is another dual organism the clergy might be is another dual organism. The presence of forty or thousand educated men honestly and its expensive besides, yet very generally used. Few men spend less than twelve cents per week equal to the conduct its the new to expensive in the charcity of public teachers.

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Individual Economy Before and Superior to Political Economy.

SELF-GOVERNMENT PRIOR AND SUPERIOR TO STATE GOVERNMENT

(By D. Webster Groh.) Like the bigoted self-righteous Chris tian, who claims himself "saved" and

his opponents "vile, hell-doomed sinners," a recent paternalistic Blade-writer showed his abundant "brotherly-love," "comradeship" and respect for others "equal rights" by saying his opponents were "ignorant as a suckling calf,"
"braying donkeys," "exposing their ignorance," etc., all of which strong paternalistic argument we cordially reciprocate, as it applies a thousand fold more to himself.

His "Political Economy" definitions, xplanations and conclusions are "clear as mud." He, who knows and practices nothing of "individual economy," gen-erally "professes" to know everything of "Political Economy"-i. e.: other peo ple's economy-and distribution of their

He knows not that "time is the most

you see, at then condensed, but enough to the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the Bible is not the word of any folked proper that the word of any folked proper that the word of any folked proper that the candidate for the proper functional problem would almost allowed the author of the Portational Problem would almost a folked and the great deep. A movement took place in the water to which is done with the beginning, nothing existed exput more and and the great deep. A movement took place in the water to which is done that the took place in the water which it ment took place in the water with the took, formed in folked proper function and the moon took place in the water with the folked proper function and the conditional probably realized words and the great deep. A movement took place in the water with the took, formed in folked proper function to the beginning nothing existed exput more with the took place in the water with the took formed in the word of the former, the proper function and the conditional probably realized water which it has the beginning on the proper function of the took place in the water of the proper function of the took place in the water of the proper function of the took place in the water of the proper function of the proper functi

VALLEY FORCE itself, making \$200 cash, while the twelve year's tobacco-chewing money during that time would again make both Interesting. Renuniscence. of the another \$100, which, added to the \$200 eash equals \$300 cash, in twenty-four

The next twelve years the \$200 cash would again double itself, making \$600 cash, which, added to this twelve year's tobacco money of \$100 would equal \$700 cash, in thirty-six years.

The next twelve years this \$700 cash would again double itself and make \$1,400 cash, while this twelve year's tobacco money, added thereto, would equal \$1,500 cash, in forty-eight years.

The next twelve years this \$1.500 cash would again double itself, making \$3,000 eash, which, added again to this twelve years tobacco money, would make \$3,100 eash in sixty years, enough to buy a

So he who chews or smokes but twelve cents worth of tobacco per week. in sixty years chews up and spits away or puffs away in tobacco smoke a \$3,100 home. And he who uses twenty cents worth per week in sixty years virtually destroys a \$6,200 home, as well as his health, brain and reasoning power be

And he who spends for tobacco, beer etc., ten times twelve cents per week (as many do) in sixty years, virtually worse than throws away, ten times \$3,100, which equals \$31,000-a bountiful fortune. And then he generally wants the viceless to divide up their savings with him, and talks "Political lain of Congress and the Contential Economy" instead of "individual economy," to throw people off the right track and make them believe his wretch edness is the fault of others instead of

... American Revolution Brought ... easn years. From History.

(James B. Elliott.)

It is indeed gratifying to note the fact that we have in the U.S. Senate, one who has studied history of the Revolution and was not unmindful the clergy ought to be, although not many of them would admit as much. Canon Henson says the clergy are the mass of the people. of the service of Thomas Paine and the days that tired men's souls at Valley Forge, and so he is one of the Judged from a purely social point of possible candidates for President, he may yet be able to give Thomas Paine's name a place where it belongs or at least remove the stigma that Teddy has placed upon it.

There are two factions struggling fine home for supermecy at Valley Forge. The Religious under control of Rev. Mr. the function of the clergy is, is also chear. Canon Henson says "Experience in many lands, and in almost every age, tends to show that the fault while the clergy have stood forward every age, tends to show that the fault while the clergy have stood forward attitude, and the stained glass winupon the site of where Washington was found in the snow in a prayful every age, tends to show that the fault of the clergy, as a direct influence in politics, has been that of servility to the reigning political force, whatever it may be;" and he also refers to the Socialistic sentiment now current in the churches as merely an illustration of "this great law of official parasitism which has prevailed in history."

That the clergy have at all times.

While the clergy have stood forward as the only accredited authorities on religion, others have steed all that it really knows of the true nature if religion. The efforts of the whole o the clergy as a body has been given to hiding, suppression, or—when this was not possible—minimising or distorting the truth of the matter. dows attest the face with pictures. One windoy was christened by a Bishop from virginia, the Rev Robt.

A. Gibson. The words inscribed are: "To the glory of God in honor of the unfallen heroism, the Father of his Country, and the brave Virginians who so faithfuly stood by him

That the clergy have at all times—
with very rare exceptions—pandered to the political force that happened to be the most powerful—so long as it was not directly and avowedly the plainest and best-supported truths

The influence of the cergy on ethic in this Valley."
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Not a word a or the Rev. Jacc is the part played by the clergy in developing a science of ethics. Not a word about Thomas Pain or the Rev. Jacob Duche, first chap-Army, who wrote to General Washington at Valley Forge:-

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